

**ABSTRACT**

**WA-I-419**

**Mid 19th Century**

**Good Spirits Farm**

**Funkstown Vicinity**

**private**

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Good Spirits Farm

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Route 40-A south of Funkstown

CITY, TOWN

☒ VICINITY OF Funkstown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE  
☐ COMMERCIAL  
☐ EDUCATIONAL  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT  
☐ GOVERNMENT  
☐ INDUSTRIAL  
☐ MILITARY  
☐ MUSEUM  
☐ PARK  
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Col. Alexis M. Gagarin

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Route # 9, Box 405

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21740

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Washington County Court House

STREET &amp; NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

WA I-419

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED < 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		DATE _____

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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Good Spirits Farm is located on the east side of U. S. Route 40-A south of Funkstown in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on a hill with the house facing west and the barn south.

The house is a two story, six bay structure sheathed with stucco which conceals stone or brick construction. The four southern bays of the front elevation are grouped together with a large expanse of wall appearing between them and the two northern bays. Window levels vary between these two parts of the house suggesting that the northern two bays may be an addition.

All windows have six over six pane double hung sashes held within narrow frames. Windows in the south section appear to be slightly longer than those of the two north bays. Pairs of shutters with movable louvers are present at most windows.

The main entrance is located in the third bay from the south end of the front elevation. A six panel door is hung beneath a transom. A one bay flat roofed Victorian entrance porch topped with a modern lattice work balustrade shelters the front door. Other entrances are located at the rear of the house.

Modern asphalt shingles finish the roof which extends beyond the end walls of the house. Dormers have been added to both the east and west slopes of the roof. Brick chimneys are located inside the end walls.

Behind the house is a brick smokehouse with a wood shingle roof. A hole in its wall is said to have come from a cannon ball. Northeast of the house is a large stone end bank barn. Built of native limestone with vertical ventilation slits in the end walls, it bears a date stone inscribed with the initials R. W. H. and the year 1849.

A tombstone found by the present owner on the farm has the initials C. B., 14 and the year 1785. The farm, formerly known as Tower Hill Farm contains 170.5 acres.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES **Barn R. W. H. 1849**

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Washington County Land Records.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 170.5 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

**Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant**

ORGANIZATION

**Washington County Historical Sites Survey**

DATE

**December 1977**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

**County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street**

TELEPHONE

**791-3065**

CITY OR TOWN

**Hagerstown**

STATE

**Maryland 21740**

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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May 1955

Good Spirits seen

Route 40 - A little off of town

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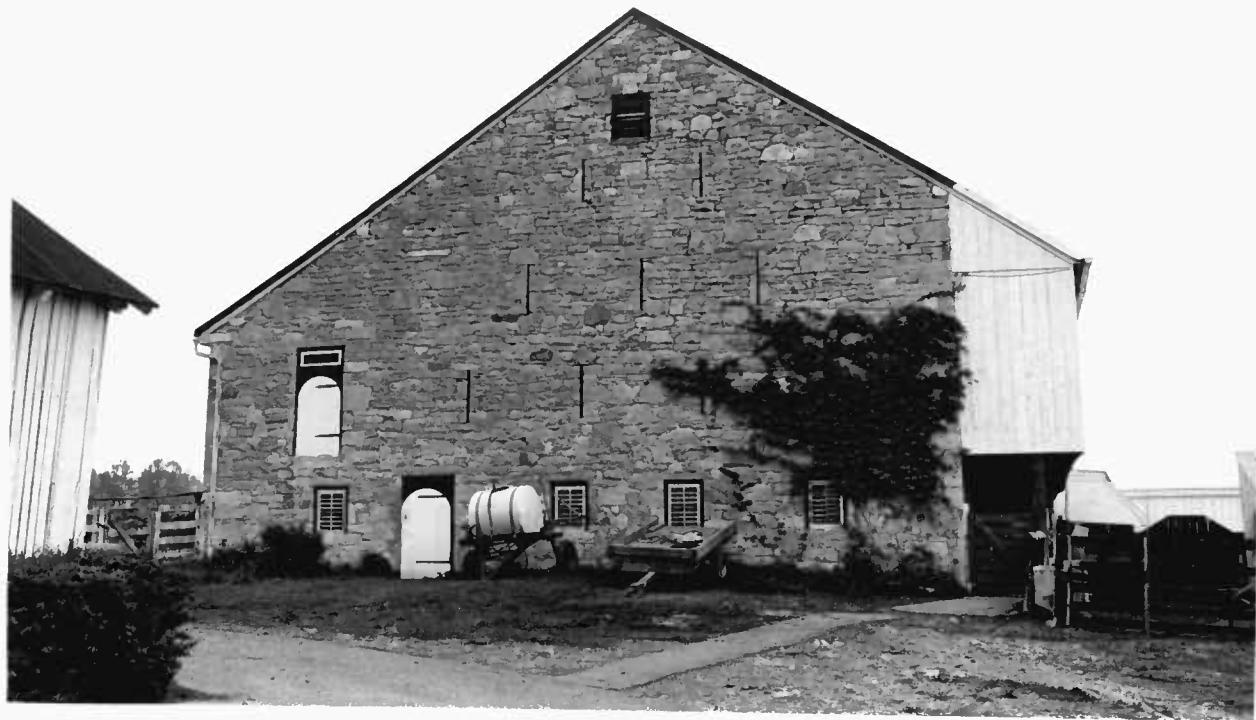




Good Spirits Jan

Route 40. n South of Hankstown

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Map 10-7

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Good Spills Farm

Route 10-A South of Smithtown

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Good Spirits Farm

Route 40-A South of Tunkhannock

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